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In re application of
Per S. Andersen, et al.
Application No. 09/482,462
Filed: January 13, 2000
For: ADVERTISEMENT SALES AND
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This is in reply to the Petition for Extension of Time, received in the Patent and Trademark Office on August 5, 2004. There is no fee required. The delay in responding to this petition is regretted.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file reveals that an Examiner's Answer was mailed on June 14, 2004. Appellant is entitled to submit a Reply Brief within two months of the mailing of the Examiner's Answer, in this case August 16, 2004 (August 14, being a Saturday).

On August 5, 2004, in response to the Examiner's Answer, petitioner requested an extension of time of 2 months under 37 CFR §1.136(b). The reason given for the request was that the examiner raised issues that required further research.

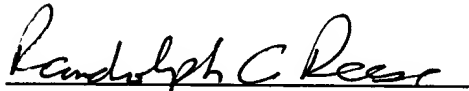
In accordance with 37 CFR §1.136(b), when a reply cannot be filed within the time period set for reply and the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a) are not available, the period for reply will be extended only when the following criteria are met: (A) the petition is filed on or before the day on which a reply is due; (B) for sufficient cause; and (C) for a reasonable specified time.

The petition meets all of the above requirements.

The time period set in the Examiner's Answer is therefore reset to run four months from the June 14, 2004 mailing date of the Examiner's Answer. It is noted that petitioner filed a Request for Oral Hearing and a Reply Brief on August 16, 2004, which is within the time period permitted for filing a Reply Brief in accordance with 37 CFR §41.41(a)(1). In view of the unfortunate delay in responding to petitioner's request for an extension of time, it is presumed that the reply brief submitted is the response petitioner wished to submit at a later time had the request for extension of time been granted in a timely manner.

This application will be forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the request for oral hearing, the reply brief, and the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 5, 2006 and then to the examiner for consideration of these documents.

SUMMARY: The Petition for Extension of Time is **GRANTED**.

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